

Summary of May Check-in Discussions with Flood Authority Members

1. After almost a year what is your assessment of the Flood Authority's progress?

- **Has it been effective?**
 - Most Authority members said that the Authority is moving forward.
 - A number of Authority members specifically said that the Authority is moving in the right direction.
 - Another said that polarization and differing jurisdictional agendas and interests keep the Authority from being effective.
- **What has it accomplished that you wanted and expected?**
 - Authority members listed a number of accomplishments, including developing the gauges program, gathering important information, pulling the Corps of Engineers into the process and moving the PUD study forward,.
- **What has it not accomplished that you wanted/or expected?**
 - Responses provided by multiple Authority members included improved land use regulations, a need to take action, and increased focus on forming a Flood District.
 - Other responses included more focus on tributaries, consideration of dredging, and more focus on how the ecosystem functions.

2. What should be the Flood Authority's focus in the next year? What should be completed or decided by June, 2010?

- The most common responses to this question were forming a Flood District, making needed decisions, and initiating projects that provide flood damage reduction.
- Other responses included ongoing public education and emergency awareness, developing ecosystem solutions, finishing Phase II of the PUD upstream storage project, creating a package of solutions, and developing an understanding of the impacts of regulations and filling.

3. Are there significant opportunities or roadblocks that affect how the Flood Authority moves forward from here?

- Opportunities mentioned by Authority members included the ability to look at the Basin as a whole, the ability to move projects forward, the

PUD upstream storage proposal, good dialogue and openness, and the Authority's momentum.

- Roadblocks mentioned included lack of trust, lack of time to build relationships and mutual education, and sensitive issues that can split the group. One Authority member said there are less roadblocks now than there were in the past.

4. What are the issues and projects most important to your jurisdiction as a member of the Flood Authority?

- Many Authority members listed specific local projects that were important to their jurisdiction.
- Some of the broader projects that are important for specific jurisdictions include modifications to the Skookumchuck Dam, emergency warning and gauges, upstream storage facilities, reduction of flood damage, and consideration of the impacts of fill and development.

5. Are there any process issues that need to be addressed for the Authority to function most effectively? Any ideas about how to address them?

- Some Authority members appreciated the consensus-building process, while one preferred not to use consensus.
- One Authority member felt the board works well together and has a good level of respect between members, while another felt there is still distrust between Authority members.
- Two Authority members raised concerns with Authority members attending outside meetings; one suggested that it needs to be clarified when an Authority member represents the entire Authority and when they only represent their jurisdiction, while the other requested more transparency and openness about these meetings.
- One Authority member requested that less time be spent on reports at the beginning of meetings, to save more time for substantive issues.
- Several members mentioned the importance of communications among members, with the consulting team and with BAC.
- One member recommended continued attention to impartial leadership and facilitation.

6. How do you feel about the support you have been getting from the consulting team—is it the right amount and type of support or do you want something else?

- Authority members were pleased with the consulting team's work and support.
- One Authority member requested more outreach from the consulting team on specific issues.

7. In thinking about the needs of the Authority for facilitation and coordination, what do you consider the most important qualifications and attributes of the coordinator?

- The most frequently mentioned qualifications were strong communication skills and an ability to keep the Authority on track, moving forward, and getting things done.
- Authority members also would like a coordinator who works well with elected officials, can deal with different entities and perspectives, isn't connected to any Authority member jurisdictions, and has practical project management experience at a local level.